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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A support attachment for mounting work implements on a ladder, the ladder including a pair of upwardly extending substantially parallel side rails spaced from each other and steps extending horizontally between said side rails to enable a person to climb the ladder, said side rails each having opposed ~~front and rear~~ first and second surfaces, said support attachment comprising:

a ~~pair of parallel spacer~~ configured to extend arms for extending across and of a breadth to non-rotatably rest resting on the step of the ladder;

[a] side rail engaging means extending from said ~~pair of parallel spacer arms~~ for engaging the ~~rear~~ first surface of the side rails of the ladder above the step engaged by said step engaging means;

a support structure for supporting work implements, said support structure mounted to and extending from said ~~pair of parallel spacer arms for supporting said support structure at the~~ front surfaces of in a direction away from said side rails engaging means and configured for placement adjacent the second surface of said side rails of the ladder; and

said spacer being of a breadth sufficient to non-rotatably secure said support attachment to the step of the ladder; and

~~wherein~~ said side rail engaging means and said support structure ~~are being~~ rigidly connected to said pair of parallel spacer arms.

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1 2. (Previously Amended) The support attachment for a ladder as described in claim 1,
2 wherein:
3 said support structure for supporting work implements comprises a U-shaped
4 frame including parallel spaced side legs and a base leg extending between said side legs,
5 said base leg joined to said pair of parallel spacer arms, and
6 a rectilinear spool support rod having opposed ends is releasably mounted to said side
7 legs of said U-shaped frame;
8 whereby spools of wire can be rotatably mounted on said spool support rod at the front of
9 the side rails of the ladder.

1 3. (Previously Amended) The support attachment of claim 2, wherein said U-shaped frame,
2 said pair of parallel spacer arms and said side rail engaging means are of one piece construction.

1 4. (Original) The support attachment of claim 1, wherein:
2 said side rail engaging means comprises a rectilinear bar having opposed ends;
3 said step engaging means comprises a pair of substantially parallel bars extending
4 from said rectilinear bar to said support structure, and
5 said support structure comprises a U-shaped frame having a base leg with opposed end
6 portions, a pair of parallel side legs extending from the end portions of said base leg, and said
7 base leg connected intermediate its end portions to said parallel bars of said step engaging
8 means; and

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9 a rectilinear spool support rod having opposed ends supported by said parallel side legs of
10 said support structure.

1 5. (Previously Amended) The support attachment of claim 4, wherein said pair of parallel
2 spacer arms, said side rail engaging means and said support structure occupy a common plane.

1 6. (Cancelled).

1 7. (Previously Amended) The support structure of claim 1, wherein said pair of parallel
2 spacer arms, said side rail engaging means and said support structure define oppositely facing C-
3 shaped recesses which register about the side rails of the step ladder.

1 8. (Previously Amended) The support structure of claim 1, wherein said pair of parallel
2 spacer arms comprises a pair of substantially parallel spaced apart bars extending from said side
3 rail engaging means for resting at spaced intervals on the step of the step ladder whereby said
4 pair of parallel spacer arms maintains said support structure in a fixed attitude with respect to the
5 step of the ladder on which said pair of parallel spacer arms rests.

1 9. (Currently Amended) A method for storing and dispensing spools of electrical wire on a
2 wire caddy with the wire caddy mounted on a step ladder having parallel upwardly extending
3 side rails and a step extending horizontally between the side rails, wherein said wire caddy is
4 comprised of a support bar connected to a pair of parallel spacer bars, said spacer bars further

5 connected to a base leg having ~~two parallel legs configured~~ at distal ends thereof and a spool
6 support rod ~~positioned~~ extending between said parallel legs, comprising the steps of:
7 positioning the support bar on one side of the upwardly extending side rails of the ladder,
8 positioning the base leg on the other side of the upwardly extending side rails of the
9 ladder,
10 ~~positioning said wire caddy on a ladder wherein said pair of parallel spacer bars~~
11 ~~rests~~ resting the spacer bars upon a ~~the~~ step of said ladder;
12 maintaining said wire caddy in a fixed, non-rotatable position by the engagement of said
13 pair of parallel spacer bars on the step of the ladder;
14 suspending said spool support rod between said distal ends of said parallel legs;
15 securing said spool support rod to said distal end of each of said parallel legs with a
16 suitable fastening means; and
17 mounting spools of wire onto said spool support rod such that said spools of wire project
18 outwardly from said ladder.

1 10. (Cancelled).

1 11. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 9, further comprising the step of configuring
2 said support bar, pair of spacer bars and base leg of said wire caddy so as to form oppositely
3 facing C-shaped recesses, each for registering about a side rail of the ladder, and engaging each
4 of the oppositely facing C-shaped recesses about a side rail of the ladder.

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1 12. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein the spool support rod is suspended between
2 said parallel legs by positioning said spool support rod through openings in said distal ends of
3 said parallel legs.

1 13. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein said securing step further
2 includes positioning locking pins in opposing ends of said spool support rod.

1 14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 9, wherein mounting said spools of wire ~~are~~
2 ~~mounted-onto~~ said spool support rod ~~comprising-comprises~~ the steps of:
3 removing one end of said spool support rod from a secured position at the distal end of
4 one of the parallel legs, disengaging said fastening means and sliding said spool support rod
5 through an opening in said distal end of one of said parallel legs;
6 threading said spooled wire onto said spool support rod; and
7 securing said spool support rod back into position between said parallel legs.

1 15. (Currently Amended) A wire caddy attachable to a ladder, the ladder having parallel
2 upwardly extending side rails and horizontal steps extending between said side rails, said wire
3 caddy comprising:
4 a U-shaped frame having a base leg and opposed parallel legs mounted to said base leg
5 for placement on one side of the steps of the ladder;
6 a spool support rod supported at its ends by said parallel legs for supporting a spool of
7 wire;

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8 a support bar extending parallel to said base leg of said U-shaped frame for placement on
9 the other side of the steps of the ladder;
10 a pair of spacer bars rigidly interconnecting said U-shaped frame to said support bar for
11 extending across a step of the ladder and spaced from each other a distance sufficient to balance
12 said U-shaped frame on the ladder when wire is paid out from the spool of wire; and
13 said U-shaped frame, said support bar and said pair of spacer bars formed in a common
14 plane,
15 whereby said pair of spacer bars engages the step of a ladder and said support bar is
16 positioned on one side of the side rails of the ladder and said U-shaped frame is positioned on the
17 other side of the side rails of the ladder, and said pair of spacer bars maintains said wire caddy in
18 a fixed, non-rotatable position on the ladder, a spool of wire is mounted on the spool support rod,
19 and wire is paid out from the spool of wire.

1 16. (Original) The wire caddy of claim 15, wherein the U-shaped frame is of rigid
2 construction and has sufficient strength to support said wire caddy when fully-loaded with
3 spooled wire.

1 17. (Original) The wire caddy of claim 15, wherein said spool support rod is secured
2 between said parallel legs such that it does not inadvertently detach from said U-shaped frame
3 during use.

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1 18. (Currently amended) The wire caddy of claim 17, ~~further comprising spools of wire~~
2 ~~threaded onto said spool support rod such that said~~ wherein the spools of wire are ~~free to rotate~~
3 rotatable about said spool support rod ~~during use~~.

1 19. (Currently Amended) The wire caddy of claim 15, wherein said spacer bars extending
2 from the support bar to said U-shaped frame extend parallel to each other and are sized and
3 spaced from each other to ~~rest~~ balance said caddy upon a step of the ladder.

1 20. (Currently Amended) The wire caddy of claim 19, further comprising said spacer bars
2 constructed and arranged so that when said spacer bars are placed on the step of the ladder said
3 spool support rod is oriented horizontally ~~and a spooled wire projects outwardly from said~~
4 ~~ladder~~.

1 21. (Currently Amended) The wire caddy of claim 15, wherein each end of said support bar
2 is constructed and arranged so that the ends of the support bar engage a rear surface of a side rail
3 of said ladder at a position ~~directly~~ above a step engaged by said spacer bars.

1 22. (Previously Amended) The wire caddy of claim 15, wherein said spacer bars are
2 intermediately positioned from each distal end of said support bar and said base leg so as to
3 define oppositely facing c-shaped recesses for engagement about a pair of side rails of the ladder.

1 23. (Cancelled).
